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2. Several employees were dismissed in January 1955 and no replacements were made; the reason for this allegedly is the bad financial situation of the GHK. The warehouse and the loading personnel have worked only in two shifts since the middle of January 1955 and not in three shifts as they had prior to that date. Since all loading and unloading must be completed on the same day, it often happens that the personnel must work overtime or in double shifts.
3. The deficit of the GHK was supposedly caused by the accumulation of goods. All warehouses of the GHK are filled with goods, but the delivery to the retailers is, however, minimal. Various groups of items had no sale at all as, for example, a large shipment of clothes-line poles and clothes-line posts for which no demand was made. The reasons for this accumulation of goods are believed to be: the inferior quality of the goods which are not easily sold but which the buyers must buy since there is no other choice, and the inadequacy of the technical equipment of the GHK, as for example, the lack of vehicles necessary for delivering goods. In 1954, GHK ordered ten trucks from the Horch works in Zwickau, Saxony; in December 1954, one 1 1/2 ton truck was delivered. To GHK's protest, the Horch works declared that for the present they were not able to deliver the remaining nine trucks. Since January 1955, GHK has therefore been forced to rent private vehicles.
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